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The Permanent Mission of Cameroon to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to inform him, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957 regarding the establishment of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and with the resolutions adopted subsequently by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the enlargement of the Executive Committee, that the Government of Cameroon is seeking to apply for admission to the Executive Committee.

In keeping with its policy on and commitment to the promotion of, and respect for, human rights, Cameroon has always accepted and hosted refugees who are fleeing situations in which their lives and liberty are threatened and who seek protection. The commitment of the Government of Cameroon is also evidenced by its ratification of the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa of 1969 as well as the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951 and the 1967 Protocol thereto.

Admission to the Executive Committee will enable the Government of Cameroon to participate fully in the Committee's activities and thus to make a more effective contribution to the management of questions relating to the protection and promotion of the rights of refugees.

The Permanent Mission of Cameroon to the United Nations would be grateful for any action that the Secretary-General may wish to take in respect of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council with a view to enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee and admitting Cameroon to it.

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